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June 16, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

34 OF JUNE 16, 2015


PATRICK O'QUINN
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**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING LETTER OF ALLOCATION
AND FUTURE LETTERS OF ALLOCATION AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES - CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH TO
SUPPORT PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD
OF JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming Letter of Allocation and future Letters of Allocation and/or amendments from the California Department of Health Care Services - Children's Medical Services to support Pediatric Palliative Care Case Management services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Letter of Allocation (LOA) from the California Department of Health Care Services - Children's Medical Services Branch (DHCS-CMS) to support DPH's Children's Medical Services (CMS), California Children's Services (CCS), Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) Case Management services at an anticipated amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DPH, or her designee, to accept future LOAs and/or amendments from DHCS-CMS that are consistent with the LOA requirements, which extend the term through June 30, 2018; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the LOA's terms and

conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each LOA term's annual base amount.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept DHCS-CMS funds to continue to support PPC services provided by State-approved participating hospice or home health agencies. Services include diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, care coordination, expressive therapy, family training and counseling, respite care, pain and symptom management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with State CCS-eligible medical conditions. PPC is an active approach to comprehensive, comfort-oriented, educational care for children, adolescents, and their families, which enhances the child's, adolescent's, and/or family's quality of life, minimizes suffering, relieves the causes of distress, provides emotional support through interdisciplinary services and interventions, and decreases preventable expensive emergency room visits and/or hospitalizations.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future LOAs and/or amendments from DHCS-CMS that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming LOA, which may extend the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; permit the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each LOA term's annual base amount.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming LOA from DHCS-CMS at an anticipated amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, consisting of State and federal Medical Title XIX funds.

Funding is included in DPH's fiscal year (FY) 2015-16 Recommended Budget and will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

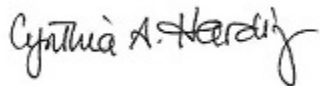
Since October 4, 2011, your Board has accepted DHCS-CMS funding to provide home and community-based palliative care services to eligible children and youth who have life threatening or life-limiting conditions.

On February 9, 2015, DPH submitted an application to DHCS-CMS for PPC case management services funding. The application is currently under review. DPH expects to receive the LOA in July 2015.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to continue to support the provision of PPC services to children in Los Angeles County who are facing life threatening, chronic, terminal, and/or end-of-life medical conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia A. Harding".

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.

Interim Director

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